

# Recognitions at August 2008 State Board Meeting

- **High Scorer on 2007 GED Exam**

State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex and State Board member Amelia Herlong congratulate Katherine Crawford Stephens (center) for scoring 3,880 points out of a possible 4,000 points, making her the state's high scorer on the GED exam for 2007 (more than 6,000 GEDs were issued that year). She scored a perfect 800 in three of the five GED subject areas – science, social studies, and language arts. In addition, she scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> national percentile on all five subject areas. Katherine is enrolled in a pre-nursing course at Midlands Technical College and plans to earn her Spanish certificate and an associate's degree in nursing.



- **Law Related Education Honors**

The South Carolina Bar Law Related Education (LRE) Division is a service arm of the State Bar. Since the mid-1980s, the division has provided teachers, school resource officers, juvenile justice personnel and lawyers with resources, materials, and technical assistance to teach law and citizenship education. Annually the Bar recognizes honors two teachers based on how well they implement LRE curricula and programs and their commitment to LRE's principles. Each honoree receives a \$1,000 award.



## **2008 Law Related Education Middle School Teacher of the Year (photo at left)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Britt Blackwell congratulate Juanita Sanders, 2008 LRE Middle School Teacher of the Year. She teaches at Springfield Middle School (York District Four). Sanders initiated the Mock Trial program there and led her team to a state championship in its first year. She also started a very successful Mock Trial program at her previous school, Gold Hill Middle. Sanders is Beta Club and Student Government sponsor at Springfield.

## **2008 Law Related Education High School Teacher of the Year (photo at right)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Trip DuBard congratulate Yvonne Rhodes, 2008 LRE High School Teacher of the Year. She teaches government and history at Wilson High School in Florence District One. Rhodes is Fourth Congressional District Coordinator for the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" program. Her students have won multiple state championships in We the People contests and competed in the high school Mock Trial program.



Each year, the Bar honors one middle school and one high school as the Law Related Education (LRE) schools of the year. The winners are chosen based on their implementation of LRE curricula and programs and their commitment to LRE's principles. The winning schools receive \$5,000 awards and must:

- Demonstrate their commitment to students' understanding of our legal and judicial systems;
- Stimulate a deeper sense of responsibility among students;
- Encourage and support LRE programs; and
- Increase communications among students, educators, and those working in the legal system.

**Law Related Middle School of the Year (photo at right)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Amelia Herlong congratulate Lexington Middle School principal Laura McMahan (center) after the Lexington District One school earned "Middle School of the Year" recognition from the Bar. The school completed its first year participating in Middle School Mock Trial program. It feeds into the High School Mock Trial program at Lexington High and is encouraging other schools in the district to start their own LRE efforts.



**Law Related High School of the Year (photo at left)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Cindy Clark congratulate mock trial teacher Kelli Antes (center) of Berkeley High for the school's recognition as "High School of the Year" by the State Bar. The Berkeley County school's mock trial team placed 32 out of 43 teams at the national competition last May and was first place winner in the state mock trial competition in March. The school has won the title seven other times in 2006, 2005, 2002, 2000, 1993, 1991 and 1989.

